



St James' CE Primary

NEWSLETTER



Friday 26th June 2026

Message from our Headteacher...

As we come to the end of another busy week, I hope everyone managed to stay cool during the exceptionally warm weather. The children coped brilliantly with the heat and continued to demonstrate their usual enthusiasm for learning and school life. Hopefully, this sunshine is a sign of what is to come during the summer holidays!

By now, many of you will have seen on our Facebook page the fantastic news that our school choir won the Best Newcomer Award at the Last Choir Singing competition at the Winter Gardens in Blackpool. This is an incredible achievement and one that everyone associated with our school should be immensely proud of. The children represented our school with confidence, talent and professionalism, and they were a credit to themselves and their families. A huge thank you must go to Miss Whaley, whose dedication, hard work and passion helped make this success possible. We are all absolutely delighted by this well-deserved recognition. Thank you to all of you who attended the final – it meant a lot to your children and to us a staff.

Our trophy cabinet has also welcomed an impressive number of sporting awards this year. It is wonderful to see so many opportunities available to our pupils beyond the core curriculum. These experiences help children discover new talents, build confidence, develop resilience and create lasting memories that will stay with them long after they leave our school.

Last week, Mrs Bibby organised a fantastic Enrichment Afternoon which was thoroughly enjoyed by pupils across the school. Children were able to choose from a range of exciting activities including an animal workshop, cardboard kingdom creations, outdoor adventure activities, a fire pit experience, sports sessions and arts and crafts. The afternoon was filled with excitement, creativity and laughter, providing children with opportunities to learn new skills and explore new interests. We are incredibly grateful to Mrs Bibby for her hard work in organising such a memorable event and for ensuring that every child had the opportunity to enjoy something special.

As a school, we remain committed to providing opportunities that help every child flourish academically, socially, physically and spiritually. The successes of recent weeks are a wonderful reminder of the many talents within our school community and of what can be achieved when children are encouraged to develop their gifts.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord."

Colossians 3:23

This verse reminds us of the importance of giving our best in all that we do - whether performing on stage, competing in sport, learning in the classroom or supporting others. We have certainly seen this spirit reflected in our children throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued support, and I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Miss Tindall

class Page weekly updates



Our new website is live! A reminder to check your child's Class Page on the school website each week. Teachers upload a summary of what the children have been learning, along with photos. It's a great way to keep connected with what's happening in the classroom – we hope you enjoy having a peek at the wonderful learning taking place!

Click on the links below:



Reception



Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6

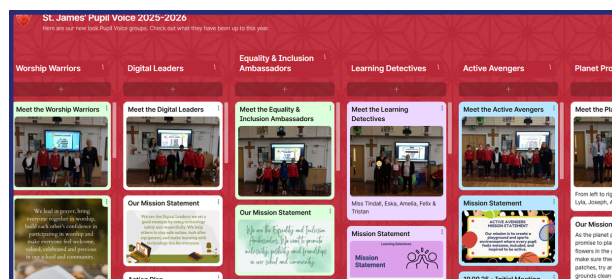
St James' Journalists

Not read the latest newsletter from our St James' Journalists? Click on the picture below...



Pupil Voice

Click on the link below to see what our pupil voice groups have been up to...



Stars of the week

Friday 19th June 2026



YR - Neila O, Y1 - Kora S,
Y2 - Benedict A, Y3 - Louie D, Y4 - Amelia H,
Y5 - Karthik S and Y6 - James D

Friday 26th June 2026



YR - Serah J,
Y1 - to be revealed
on Monday...
Y2 - KJ B
Y3 - Arnie C
Y4 - Shay M
Y5 - Ishika S
Y6 - Esmé-Rose R



Coming up...



St James Church, Stopes Brow, Lower Darwen, BB3 0QP
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20th July, 3.15PM-4.30PM
SCHOOL'S OUT PARTY
Bouncy Castle, Hot Dogs, Ice Cream, Lots of fun!

MEGA MONDAYS

Big activities, miracle stories, games, hot meal, multi-sensory zone for families to enjoy together.

10am - 2pm

27th July

3rd August

10th August

17th August

24th August



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SCHOOL'S OUT PARTY

Celebrate the end of the school year with your friends, bouncy castle, hot dogs, ice cream and lots of fun!
(please bring a parent)



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Arrive as near to 10am as you can to make sure you get in before we're full, and ensure you and your children enjoy all the activities

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Dates for your Diary



June

Tuesday 30th

Y4 & Y5 Trip to Blackpool Circus

July

Wednesday 1st

Year 5 Class Worship (9am - 9.30am)

Transition morning for reception children

(9am - 12pm)

Thursday 2nd

Transition morning for reception children

(9am - 12pm)

Friday 3rd

Non-Uniform Day for teddy donations (PTFA)

Thursday 9th

Non-Uniform Day for cake donations (PTFA)

Friday 10th

Summer Fair (3.30pm - 5.30pm)

For any safeguarding, mental health, wellbeing and family support, please contact Mrs Jacques:

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Useful Links



Family Hub
Online



Blackburn Diocese Centenary Prayer



Heavenly Father,

In our Centenary year

we rededicate ourselves and our Diocese to you.

Send the Holy Spirit to give us confidence in our witness,
generosity in our service, and love for our neighbours,
that your Church may be renewed and many come home to you,
through your Son our saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

